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adequate measures to employ these masses, since they cannot be got rid of. We have often maintained that China possessed sufficient mineral resources, trade, agriculture and industries, which if developed, by the introduction of machinery, would be more than sufficient to afford employment and means of livelihood to its vast population. Not a single inhabitant in the country would be under the necessity of emigrating in search of labour were China's resources properly explored. The construction of railways, the further development of river navigation, the encouragement of textile industries, and the formation of a properly constituted army and navy ought to absorb nearly the whole of China's available labour. It only rests with the statesmen of this peculiarly exclusive country to sanction the extension of all engineering industries, and to allow skilled foreigners to train the native masses for a few years. The vast empire which is crushed with so much population and poverty would in the course of a decade or two probably be the most advanced and the wealthiest country in Asia.

## TELEGRAMS.

(Ruter.)

## GREAT BRITAIN IN EGYPT.

LONDON, December 3rd.

A long debate has taken place in the House of Commons on the situation in Suakin, Mr. Morley advocating the abandonment of that place. In reply the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs said that we would not abandon the people to the mercy of the Arabs. The motion was rejected by a majority of 35 votes.

(From Straits Times.)

FRANCE.

PARIS, November 26th.

Party animosity in France, especially between the Boulangists and the Republicans, is becoming so serious as to cause uneasiness.

## THE SUAKIN TROUBLE.

LONDON, November 26th.

A British regiment returning from India has been stopped at Suakin to assist in repelling the rebels.

## THE METROPOLITAN POLICE.

Sir Charles Warren has been replaced by Mr. James Monro, lately Assistant Commissioner.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A MEETING of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. A report will appear to-morrow.

LIEUT.-GENERAL Cameron will return from his visit to the Straits Settlements in the French mail steamer *Natal*.

A GERMAN statistician figures up that England has caused the death of 50,000,000 people and has wrought \$10,000,000,000 worth of destruction.

WE read in a Japanese paper that the wife of the chief priest of the Saikyo Temple of the Jodo sect, at Ochibatamura, Osumigori, Soshu, gave birth lately to three daughters.

WE would remind our readers that Mr. H.M. Imano takes his benefit at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, this evening, when will be produced "The Rose of Auvergne," two acts of "Bohemian Girl" and one act of "Maritana."

OUR Amoy correspondent writes:—The British barque *Sea Swallow* arrived here from Newchwang on the 27th ult., having made the remarkably fast passage of 6 days 18 hours. She reports that while crossing the bar at Newchwang the second mate fell from aloft, and it is feared his left thigh is broken. On arrival at Amoy the injured man was at once conveyed to the hospital.

At the Police Court this morning the Opium Farmer was put in an awkward position. A man had been caught by the police smuggling 200 half-balls of opium across the water, with opium to the value of about \$500, sticking to the sides. The Opium Farmer wanted to get them—indeed, as if he had known something about them before the Police, and Mr. Spooner was deputed to get them. He valued the lot at \$40, but Sergeant Harkin offered to buy them for \$400, as the Farmer's representative sat tight. The case was adjourned till Monday.

WHEN Mrs. Langtry was in Paris recently the presence also of one England's most famous beauties, Lady de Grey, formerly Gladys, Countess of Londale, gave rise to a little comparison between them. The Parisians seemed to think that Mrs. Langtry was not so beautiful as when she was a trifle more slight, and they were inclined to give the apple to Lady de Grey. The probability is, though, that with the world for judges, Mrs. Langtry would be considered the more beautiful woman. Mrs. Langtry has settled with Robert Buchanan the details of the new play he is to write for her, and which is to be ready for production by January.

An interesting point is noted by the Japanese native paper *Nipponjin*, namely, that the Chinese residing in Japan have always made themselves conspicuous by their failure to evince any practical sympathy with Japanese sufferers in times of calamity. The Japanese in China and Japan contributed for the relief of sufferers in China at a period of famine, but neither when Osaka was devastated by floods, nor at the time of the *Normanton* catastrophe, nor on the occasion of the Bandalan eruption, did the Chinese at the Open Ports stretch forth a helping hand. All the other nations contributed more or less, but the Chinese held steadily aloof. This strange callousness or want of generous charity does not help to bring about that close union which the *Nipponjin* earnestly advocates between the two empires.

THE Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Co. courteously informs us that the steamship *Parkhurst*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for this port at 8 a.m. to-day.

A REGULAR meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Thursday, the 13th instant, at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

MORMON Suits (who has just been accepted)—And now can I see you—your—? Young Lady (shyly)—My father, Mr. Brigham? Mormon Suits—No. Your sister, darling; and then I can see your father about you both.

It will doubtless interest our lady readers, and it tickles us amazingly, to read that Paris now sends out stockings of tinted lace in Duchesse or Chantilly patterns, to be worn over spun-silk hose of warm flesh color, and to accompany Roman sandals of bronze with a narrow strap held over the instep by a golden or jewelled clasp.

An ally of Bismarck in maintaining that Emperor Frederick's alleged diary is fictitious turns up in the person of the ex-Empress Eugenie. She declares that she has important papers in her possession which prove the entire falsity of the writing attributed to Frederick that Napoleon wanted to engage in an alliance with Germany against England.

WITH reference to the East Borneo Planting Company, we are informed that the Agents here have received news from the Acting Manager of the Company's Estate to the effect that work was going on as well as possible, that the jungle cutting and clearing was going on well, nearly one thousand fathoms of road have been completed and the fields for 1889 and 1890 laid out.

At the Police Court this morning a turnkey at the Gaol, named Charles McKay, was summoned for assaulting a Chinese prisoner. Major-General Gordon appeared, and with difficulty got Mr. Pollock to understand that the case was not one to be tried departmentally. McKay, who denied the assault, was alleged to have struck a prisoner in the tailor's shop, and was dismissed the same day. He now desired the case to be investigated. The case was adjourned.

A MAGIC-LANTERN entertainment was given at the Sailors' Home last night, to a large audience, by Mr. Yam, of the Naval Yard. The Rev. A. B. Goldsmith presided. The scenes depicted were illustrative of the veracious history of Robinson Crusoe, including instantaneous photographs of Robinson, his dog, Friday's aunt, &c. A cast of the famous footprint was examined with great interest. A number of English views were also exhibited, and altogether the display was very interesting.

SAYS the *Hyogo News*—It appears likely that the foundation for the statement published by the *Times* respecting a Russian protectorate of Korea was the treaty of commerce concluded recently between those countries. This treaty has just been reproduced in the *Tokyo Official Gazette*, and contains, naturally enough, nothing whatever on the subject of a protectorate, but it is by no means improbable that in addition to the commercial compact there may also be a secret arrangement having virtually the effect of such a union as the *Times* declares has been already made. But if the negotiations between Russia and Korea were confined to matters of trade, other countries having treaties with the Peninsular Kingdom can claim like privileges with Russia under the "favoured nation" clauses in those documents.

THE Customs authorities seem to be determined to annex the Mosquito fleet of the Colony. Yesterday a revenue cruiser seized the *Wing Kwai*, a launch belonging to Mr. Gee Woo, of Tang Mine Lane, whilst she was towing a passenger-junk past Mira Bay from Tamsui to Hongkong. Later on in the day another cruiser, which had been waiting in the same locality for some time, stopped the launch *Yau Chai*, belonging to Mr. Wa Kee, off Ko Tau, an hour and a half from Mira Bay. She also was towing a passenger-junk from the same direction. The *Wing Kwai*, being a fast boat, was taken to Canton, but the other launch was taken to Tamsui. They were seen to pass Lamma Island yesterday, evidently keeping well clear of British waters.

At a regular lodge of Star of Southern China, No. 2013, E.C., Canton, held on the 1st inst., Bro. L. A. Byworth was elected W. M. for the ensuing year, Bro. B. P. Karanjia Treasurer, and Bro. E. J. Jorus Tyler. The following is the complete list of office-bearers:—

W.M. .... Bro. L. A. Byworth.  
I.P.M. .... " " Francis W. White.  
S.W. .... Bro. M. Mackenzie.  
J.W. .... " G. A. Meyer.  
Treasurer .... " B. P. Karanjia.  
Secretary .... " Alistair Duncan.  
S.D. .... " Paul Teichert.  
D.C. .... " E. E. W. Kretschmar.  
Steward .... " B. Jorus (acting).  
I.G. .... " W. J. Adams.  
Tyler .... " B. Jorus.

THE *Yomiuri Shimbun*, we read in the *Japan Mail*, gives currency to a rumour that the Ministry are favourable to a proposal to abolish export duties, with the view of permitting Japanese products to find their way unobstructed into the markets of the world, and of encouraging home industries and manufactures. The question indeed, says the *Yomiuri*, has already, we believe, been considered in the Cabinet, and though we have no means of obtaining information as to the action taken, we understand that it is not intended to carry through a sweeping measure, but simply to remove the burden on fancy articles—exclusive of course of such staples as silk, tea, camphor, &c.—the impression being that any step of an absolute nature would to some extent involve questions of an international character, and as it must do the interests of other countries. 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